



CHALLENGERS

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NO. 64

OF THE
UNKNOWN

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"INVITATION TO A
HANGING!"

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

"IF THIS ISN'T
GALLOW'S HUMOR,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IS."

LET ME HAVE
A GANDER AT
THAT NOSE.
PROF, MY GOOD
EYE IS STILL
20-20!

THE VERY FINGERS OF THE
CHALLENGERS SEEM TO TURN
INTO THE CHILL OF DEATH AS
THEY PASS A LIQUID SUDSING
FROM KEY HAND TO KEY HAND.

THE THREE KILLERS
OF DR. HEMLOCK'S
MURDERING GANG--ARE
INVITING US TO THEIR
OWN HANGING! TALK
ABOUT COLD-BLOODED
NERVE!

WHY SHOULD
THE VERY MEN
WE HELPED SEND
TO THE GALLOW--
WANT US TO BE
PRESENT AT THEIR
HANGING AT
MIDNIGHT
TONIGHT?

THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY TO FIND
OUT THEIR GRISLY
REASON!

LET'S
GO,
CHALLS!

A SPECTRAL BLOOD-
ING MOON HANGS OVER THE SILENT
PRISON...

MY BROTHER TINO MUST BE
READING A BOOK OR SOMETHING!
I'M NOT GETTING ANY IMAGES FROM
THE EYE I GAVE HIM FOR A
TRANSPLANT!

EDITOR'S NOTE

IN NO. 63, RED SACRIFICED ONE OF HIS
EYES FOR TINO, WHO HAD BEEN
DELIBERATELY BLINDED BY A SALERO
RUBY WELDED BY THE VILLAINOUS
KARTU! AMAZINGLY, HE COULD SEE
WHATEVER TINO DID, NO MATTER
WHAT THE DISTANCE.

IT'S JUST AS
WELL THAT KID'S NOT
GOING TO SEE WHAT
WE'RE GOIN' TO HAVE
TO FACE IN A LITTLE
WHILE, RED!

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CHILLING MINUTES BEFORE TWELVE, THE CHALLENGERS JOIN THE HUSHED SPECTATORS IN THE PRISON COURTYARD.

THERE THEY ARE!
WOLF DENGON--SHARN POWELL--AND
SNAKE SAUNDERS! THEY'LL BE DEAD
IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES! WHY
ARE THEY GRINNING?

A STEP FROM ETERNITY, THE AUDACIOUS TRIO BREAKS OUT IN FIERCE, MUCKY LAUGHTER.

TAKE A REAL HARD
LOOK, CHALLENGERS!
YOU'RE GONNA SEE
US AGAIN!

FEAR, OL' DOC
HEMLOCK IS GONNA
BRING US BACK
TO LIFE--SO WE
CAN HAUNT YOU!

YEAH, WE'RE GONNA COME
BACK FOR REVENGE--TO
DRIVE EVERYONE TO HIS
DEATH WHO HAD A HAND
IN PUTTIN' US HERE!

JUDGE BENTLEY,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EVANS! AND YOU--
THE CHALLENGERS,
LAST OF ALL--SO
YOU CAN SWEAT
THE MOST!

THAT'S WHY WE
SENT YOU AN.

**"INVITATION TO A
HANGING!"**

THEN DURING THE SUBCUE HOMEMADE ADS...

HOW
COULD
THEY BE
SO SURE
THEY'RE
GONNA
COME
BACK?

NBODDY--BUT
NBODDY--CAN
RETURN, RED!
YOU KNOW
BETTER THAN
THAT!

YOU TELL HIM,
ROCKY--ESPECIALY
SINCE WE SAW
DOC HEALOCK
DEAD BEFORE
WE ROUNDED
UP HIS CREEP!

SUDDENLY, THE GHOULISH LAUGHTER
BREAKS OFF AS THE TRAP DOORS
ARE SPRUNG! THREE BODIES
HURTLE TO THEIR DOOM--THE
GALLOWS ROPES HANG TAUT
WITH THEIR DEAD WEIGHT...

GRAB
HIM,
ROCKY!

YOU'RE SO SURE OF YOUR-
SELVES, THINKING YOU'RE GOING
TO TAKE ME ALIVE--BUT YOU'RE
GOING TO BE LEFT WITH NOTHING
BUT A LIFE-LESS BODY IN THE NEXT
FEW SECONDS--AND NO POWER ON
EARTH CAN PREVENT IT!

SILENTLY,
BACH RECALLS
THEIR LAST
CONFRONTATION
WITH THE
MENACING
MASTERMIND...

HE
HE
MADE
GOOD HIS
THREAT!
DOC HEALOCK
DEAD!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT, FREN!

DOC
HEALOCK'S OUT
OF OUR LIVES
FOREVER--OUR
NEXT JOB IS
TO DO AFTER HIS
MOS OF IST-
VISED
KILLERS!

I'VE
GOTTA
BELIEVE
IT!

LATER

NOW--DO YOU
BELIEVE IT, ACE?



LIKE I SAID, FORGET WHAT THEY SAID! THERE'S NO RETURN FROM THE GREAT BEYOND!

YOU'RE RIGHT, PROF! MEMLOCK NEVER REAPPEARED, AND NEITHER WILL THOSE THREE SOONS!

CHECK! BUT I WISH I DIDN'T HEAR THEIR LAUGHTER STILL RINGING IN MY EARS!



ONE MONTH LATER, JUDGE BENTLEY IS DRIVING TO HIS COURT WHEN SPECTRAL HANDS SLITHER PAST HIM...

WH-WHAT IS THIS? WHO'S BACK THERE?



A GHOSTLY FACE APPEARS... WOLF DENSON? NO-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'RE DEAD? Y-YOU WERE HANGED!

EVER HEAR OF THE DEAD RETURNIN' TO HAUNT THE LIVING, JUDGE? IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE ANOTHER LOOK! I'M HERE!



LET GO OF THE WHEEL! THE GAS PEDAL'S STUCK! PLEASE LET GO!

GO ON, JUDGE, SWEAT! THE WAY ME AND MY BUDDIES SWEATED OUT YOUR SENTENCE!



WATCH OUT! THAT TREE...

NOTHIN' CAN HURT ME-- I'M ALREADY DEAD, REMEMBER?



WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

NOT ME, JUDGE! ONLY YOU!



WITH TITANIC CRUSHING FORCE, THE CAR CRASHES
BOD THE ROSE CAR.

YOU PRONOUNCED
THE DEATH SENTENCE
ON US, JUDGE--

CRAAAAASH

LOOKS
LIKE YOU
DREW THE
SAME SENTENCE
YOURSELF!

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AUGUST, 1900

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Charles W. Morgan



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WORLD NEWS

JUDGE BENTLEY,
WHO PRESIDED
OVER THE HEALLOCK
GANG'S TRIAL, FETTERED
OF FATAL AUTO
ACCIDENT!



WHAT A
TERRIBLE
CONFIDENCE
FOR THE JUDGE
TO MEET HIS
END—SO SOON
AFTER THOSE GALLOWES
BIRDS THREATENED
TO GET HIM!

YOU THINK
IT WAS
CONFIDENCE,
PROPT

COME ON, ROCKY!
IT WAS ONE CHANCE
IN A MILLION—LIKE
LIGHTNIN' STRIKIN'!



AND YOU CAN
BE SURE IT WON'T
STRIKE AGAIN!

NOT LONG AFTER,
JOHN EVANS, THE ATTORNEY
WHO PROSECUTED THE HEALLOCK GANG
CASE, IS TAKING A DIP BEFORE DINNER,
NEAR HIS BEACH HOUSE...

GUESS I'LL START IN! I'VE
WORKED UP ENOUGH OF AN
APPETITE ALREADY!

SUDDENLY, DRIPPING ARMS
SPEAR UP FROM THE DEPTHS,
GRASP HIM.

HAY!
WH-WHAT
IS THIS?



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I-- I MUST BE HAVING A NIGHT-
MARE! IT--IT'S NOT REALLY
YOU-- SHARK POWELL!
YOU'RE DEAD! HANGED!

DON'T
BELIEVE
EVERY-
THING
YOU READ
IN THE
PAPERS.
MISTER
DISTRICT
ATTORNEY!

YOU DEMANDED THE DEATH PENALTY
FOR US, EVANS. NOW-- I'M GONNA
PASS IT ON YOU. JUST LIKE WE DID IT
FOR THE JUDGE. BUT JUST LIKE WE'LL
DO IT FOR THE **CHALLENGERS**, BUT
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WARN 'EM!



FIRST
THE
JUDGE
THEN THE
D.A. WE'RE
NEXT!

IF YOU
BELIEVE
LIGHTNING CAN
STRIKE THREE
TIMES IN THE
SAME SPOT!

OR IF YOU
BELIEVE
THE THREAT OF
HANGED MEN
CAN BE CARRIED
OUT!

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
WAY TO
FIND OUT--
WILD AS IT
SEEMS!



GRANTED,
DECEASED ON BY
HE PROPER
AUTHOR, THE
CHALLENGERS
LESS NOT BE IN
THEIR URGENT
QUEST

THOSE BIRDS WERE
JUSTIVE SICK HEMLOCK
WOULD BRING THEM
BACK TO LIFE NOW'S
THAT POSSIBLE
WHEN HE'S DEAD
AND BURIED HIM
SELF?

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE?
CALL IT YET ROCKY?

ALMOST
RED!

THE LIL' GAMES
OPEN UP IN
THE A WISEFUL
STILLNESS

7 7 5
EMPTY!

HOW
ONE?

THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION
IF WE'VE OK SNT HERE, WE HAVE
TO FACE THE CONCLUSION THAT
WHATEVER HE TOOK WHEN WE
CORRUPTED HIM, ONLY MALE HIM
SEEM DEAD AND THAT LATER

LIKE THE FABLES
OF INDIA, HE WAS
DUG UP AGAIN, IN
A STATE OF
SUSPENDED
ANIMATION. ALIVE!
AND READY TO RESUME
AS SOON AS HE WAS
RESTORED TO HIS
NATURAL SELF

ABRUPTLY THREE
ESQUE APPARITIONS
ISSUE FROM THE
SINISTER DARKNESS

THE
THREE
HANGED
MEN!

I TOLD YOU WE'D
BE SEEING YOU
AGAIN TO EVEN
THE SCORE LIKE
WE DID WITH THE
JUDGE AND THE
D A

WHAT KIND OF
CHARGE CAN WE
BRING AGAINST
MEN WHO WERE
ALREADY
EXECUTED FOR THE
CRIMES?

YOU OFF YOUR ROCKER PRO?
FORGET ABOUT YOUR LAW BOOKS
FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE
THESE GALLOW'S BIRDS
FLAP THEIR WING!

YEAH, THEY'RE
AS HARD AS
THESE TOMB-
STONES!

I I JUST
ABOUT GIVE
UP MY
FISTS ARE
ALMOST
BROKEN

SLOWLY,
TERRORABLY
THE
CHALLENGERS
SHOW
BENEATH
THE
MAY, LESS
GHOSTLY
ELLS

WAIT!! THEY COME TO
THEY'LL SURE WITH WHAT
WAS DEAD WITH WHAT
ON DOC HEMLOCK'S
ACT WAITING FOR
EM

HA--HA--
HA--

SLOWLY THE
CHALLENGERS
WHIRL THROUGH
THE MISTY
CLOUDS OF
UNCONSCIOUSNESS
OR FIND
THEMSELVES IN
A STRANGE
GRUESOME
LABORATORY

MY HEAD'S SPINNIN' LIKE
A TOY!! IF I GET MY
HANDS AGAIN ON THE
PINK WHO ZAPPED
ME

WHAT
HAPPENED
WHEN THE LIGHTS
WENT OUT? MY
STOMACH FEELS
LIKE IT'S MADE OF
MARSHMALLOWS

THOSE WEIRDOS
AGAIN THEY MUST'VE
BROUGHT US HERE

WATCH OUT FOR THEIR
WEAPONS THEY DON'T
LOCK LIKE WATER
PISTOLS TO A'E

THAT I DID--
INCLUDING THE
GALLOWS ON WHICH
YOU WILL ALL
SWING

DOC
HEMLOCK--
ALIVE!
SO YOU DID
PLAN ALL
THIS!

THE ONLY THINGS THAT'LL
SWING ARE
MY FISTS!
NOBODY'S
GONNA
PUT A ROPE
AROUND
MY
NECK!

C MON BOYS IF WE'RE TO
DIE
LET'S MAKE IT
ROUGH FOR 'EM

IN THE GRIM,
FESTO RATE
STRUGGLE THE
LASERS WHIPS AW
W' POLY N
SLASHING BURSTS.

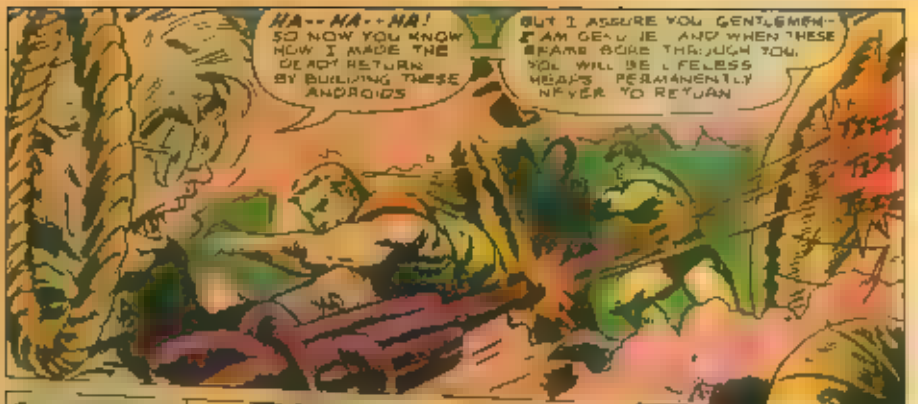
AND THOSE
AREN'T SLASHES
HEY'RE PAIN!
AT US BUT
LASER BEAMS

ADLY TOLE BOO
LOOK WHAT'S
HAPPENIN' THEY
AIN'T GHOSTS!

AW
WHUTS
THE USE?
WE CAN'T TAKE
THESE GOONS
WE MIGHT AS
WELL BE
SUCKIN' 'EM
HATE

WERE WE
SUCKED WE
SHOULD GIVE
GUESS
THEY'RE
ANDROIDS!

LOOK AT
THE WIRES
ELECTRONIC
CIRCUITS AND
ICM SOL PANELS



HA--HA--HA!
SO NOW YOU KNOW
HOW I MADE THE
DEAD RETURN
BY BUILDING THESE
ANDROIDS

BUT I ASSURE YOU GENTLEMEN--
I AM GRATEFUL AND WHEN THESE
BEASTS GOE THROUGH YOU,
YOU WILL BE LIFELESS
HEADS PERMANENTLY
NEVER TO RETURN

BY SUDDENLY,
THE LABORATORY
STRUCK
REPEATEDLY BY
THE LICHING
LAGBA
GRUITS INTO
AN
INFERNO

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
WHILE THE GETTING'S
GOOD

ALICE!!

YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO CHEAT
THE GALLING A
SECOND
ME

THE HANGMAN
WILL NEVER GET ME
I'LL TAKE YOU ALL
WITH ME FIRST

AAAAAAAAA!!!



— LET'S CHAT WITH THE CHALLS

Dear Editor: Having chased after the Challengers in these many years, I found them really using conventional weapons. So I was more than mildly surprised, even a little shocked, to see Prof wield a gun in No. 62's rocko story "Legion of the Weird." Are you setting a precedent for our futuristic tournaments? Or was it supposed to be a joke?

Don Bigelow Little Rock, Ark

the in both sides. The boys have consistently relied on their wits over weapons, but in this instance why Prof was prepared. A student of the black arts and ancient superstitions, he was aware of the effectiveness of garlic against the living nightmares conjured up by the Legion. As he explained to his pals in that pulse-pounding scene he'd smeared some bullets in garlic to blast the big, as tacking died into oblivion. He needed that gun. How else could he deliver his anti-black magic in the form of garlic? While it has mildly amusing overtones, garlic is perhaps the best known of the old devices for driving off evil. A joke? That scene was deadly serious. It was a laugh-out-loud sequence and we think it paid off. Okay? - Ed.

Dear Editor: Did it ever occur to you to publish a CHALLENGERS 30-Page Giant comprised of the best of former stories along with some new ones? Here are my top-ten choices, with which other fans might agree or criticize them to submit others. 1938 "The Wizard of Time." No. 4: 1939 "Prisoners of the Robot Planet."

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"Juggles to Kill," No. 56: "Tony Isabella," Cleveland, OH

Dear Editor: Okay, you yielded to the fans' demand and brought back Red. But in doing so, you threw out a great human interest angle: love nothing against Carrot-Top.

Think he's really groovy, but you could have kept him out of the picture for more than five years. No more hurt feelings or sorrow over Red. He's back now to stay, and nothing anyone can say will change that. Another reason that the sudden return of Red liked me is that we've seen the last of Tim. I've got a funny feeling that he is the one person who won't be back. Please don't let Red's reputation stop you from giving us more of Tim. Joe Ruanak Montville, NJ.

Am you puttin' us on, Joe? If you cast your odds over No. 63, you'll see that Tim the Terror not only makes a climactic comeback but gets so involved with the Chells in extraordinary and unique circumstances, he's bound to play a key role in their future. As for continuing to keep Red out of the picture, we just couldn't stand the clamor and criticism any longer. - Ed.

WHAT'S OUT THERE?--PLACES WE CANNOT SEE! THINGS WE FEAR TO TOUCH!
SOUNDS THAT DO NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD! Hordes of the ABES lurking beyond the
BRIDGE WITHOUT A NAME! ONLY MEN LIVING ON BORROWED TIME WOULD DARE CROSS THAT
BRIDGE! HERE ARE SUCH MEN AND THE INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE OF...

"The SECRETS OF THE SORCERER'S BOX!"

**ROCKY
DAVIS**
Olympic
Wrestling
Champion.

**PROF
HALEY**
Master
Skin
Diver

**RED
RYAN**
Circus
Daredevil

**ACE
MORGAN**
War hero
and fearless
Jet Pilot

IN RESPONSE TO THE EVER INCREASING
DEMAND BY THE FANS, HERE IS THE
FIRST CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN,
WHICH APPEARED IN SHOWCASE NO. 6

NEXT WEEK WE
HAVE FOUR BIG SURPRISES
FOR YOU! FOUR MEN! ALL
FAMOUS IN THEIR OWN FIELDS!
AT THIS MOMENT, THEY ARE
BEING FLOWN TO THIS CITY IN
A PLANE PILOTED BY THE JET
ACE WHO IS TO
APPEAR WITH
THEM

THE ANIMATED
OF DESTINY
OF EN
MERLE IN
STAGE
PLACES. I
NEEDS AP
RELEVATE
FOR THIS
STORY TO
BEGIN ON
A NATION
WIDE RADIO
PROGRAM
CALLED
"HEROES!"

TONIGHT YOU HEARD FOUR
MEN WHO HAVE EARNED
THE RIGHT TO THE TITLE
"HERO" YOU HEARD THEIR
THRU AND EXPLOITS FROM
THEIR OWN LIPS



FUN'S 'A- POPPIN' SATURDAYS ON CBS

**SIX HOURS OF
HAPPY
SURPRISES
ON THE
CBS SATURDAY
MORNING
SCHEDULE!**

**8:00AM
THE GO-GO GOPHERS**

**8:30AM
THE BUGS BUNNY
ROAD RUNNER HOUR**

**9:30AM
WACKY RACES**

**10:00AM
THE ARCHIE SHOW**

**10:30AM
THE BATMAN
SUPERMAN HOUR**

**11:30AM
THE HERCULES
SHAZAN'**

**12:00PM
DONNY QUINN**

**1:00PM
MOBY DICK AND THE
MIGHTY KNIGHT**

**2:00PM
THE ONE RANGER**

**TEAR THIS OUT AND
CARRY IT WITH YOU.
EVERYWHERE ALL TIMES
SHOWN ARE FOR
EASTERN AND PACIFIC
ZONES. CHECK YOUR
LOCAL LISTINGS OR TIME
AND CHANNEL.**



LATER, WHEN THE
ROYCES OF THE CRASH HAVE
FADED INTO THE COOL NIGHT AIR
THERE IS NO SIGN OF LIFE IN THE
GLOOMY SILENCE SURROUNDING
THE WRECKAGE!

THE **ONE** SHOW

FUN'S 'A- POPPIN' SATURDAYS

HEY GANDY THE FUN STARTS HERE
WE'RE THE 'GO-GO GOPHERS
IN GOPHER GULCH, THE
TO MAKE YOU ASHLY YOUR
EVERY SATURDAY 8:00-8:30!

YOU MEAN
THERE'S A CHANCE
WE WON'T GET TO
ACT ON THAT
RADIO PROGRAM?

WELL, IT'S NOT
THAT BAD. I'LL
BRING HER IN. IF
YOU BOYS HANG
ON I'LL TRY TO
CLIMB ABOVE
THIS RAIN.

IN THE PILOT'S CAPABLE HANDS, THE PLANE
BEGINS TO GAIN ALT. DE. SUDDENLY
THE CONTROLS JAM! THE PILOT FIGHTS
TO MAKE THEM RESPOND.

WHAT
HAPPENED?

THE PLANE
GOES INTO A
DIZZYING STALL
AND PLUMMETS
FORTHWARD.

WE CAN'T
MAKE IT--

WE'RE
GOING TO
HIT!

DESPITE THE
PITTY
FRANK
EFFORTS TO
WALK, THE
PLANE FROM
THE HANDS
OF DEATH
THE PLANE
SCREAMS
DOWN TOW
THE SKIES
AND ALLOWS
A TERRIBLE
PATH THROUGH
THE TREES
OF THE
FOREST BELOW

LATER WHEN THE
EDGES OF THE CRASH HAVE
FADED INTO THE COOL NIGHT AIR
THERE IS NO SIGN OF LIFE IN THE
BLOOMY SILENCE SURROUNDING
THE WRECKAGE

THEN AMID THE TORN AND TWISTED
METAL OF THE SMASHED PLANE COME
FAINT STRIKES LIKE BY ONE THE
MEN CRAWL FROM THE SHADOWS OF THE
WRECK MIRACULOUSLY ALIVE

LOOKS LIKE
EVERYONE IS
PRESENT AND
ACCOUNTED FOR
AND ALIVE
TO BOOT

GREAT SCOTT WHAT
A MESS DID WE
WALK AWAY FROM
THAT?

WE SHOULD BE
DEAD - BUT WE'RE
NOT MY WATCH

WE SHOULD BE
SMASHED
YET IT'S
INJURED
KEEPING
TIME

BORROWED
TIME RED
WE'RE LIVING ON
BORROWED TIME

SOMEHOW, I
FEEL THAT TOO
AND I'M NOT
SCARED IN FACT
I MIGHT ENJOY
TAKING A FEW
MORE
RISKS

WELL THERE'S NO REASON
WHY WE CAN'T DO IT TO
GETHER CHALLENGE THE
UNKNOWN WE'VE FAILED
IT JUST NOW AND
LIVED

WIN OR LOSE
IT SOUNDS
GREAT
I ME
COUNT
ME IN

UNDER THESE STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MOST INIQUE ORGANIZATION ON EARTH IS BORN. ONE DARING EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN. ANOTHER IN THE SUCCEEDING MONTHS, THE HEADLINES BLARE THE NAME CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN!

**ACE MORGAN
FLIES 2500 MPH
BREAKS ALL RECORDS**

DAREDEVIL DEIES
UNKNOWN AND WHO?

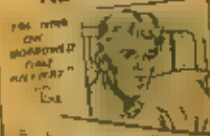


THE PLANE THAT
DIED

**PROF HALEY GOES
DEEPER YET
FAMOUS SKIN DIVER
TESTS EXPERIMENTAL
SUIT UNDER OCEAN**



NEWS EAGLE
**NEW SERUM PROVES
NON-FATAL TO
RED RYAN!**



GIVEN
HOO TO
ONE
CHANCE-
HE LIVES!

**ROCKY DAVIS IN
AMAZING RESCUE
SAVES EXPLORING PARTY
IN UNMAPPED JUNGLE**

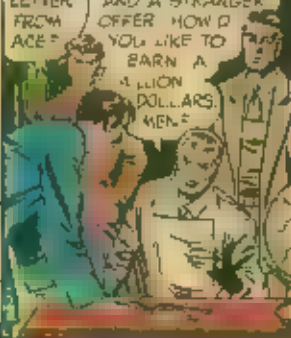


SAVES UNKNOWN
DANGERS AND
BRINGS THEM BACK
ALIVE

LATER IN THEIR ESTABLISHED
HEADQUARTERS, THE CHAL-
LENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN
RECEIVE A STRANGE LETTER

WHO'S
THE
LETTER
FROM
ACE?

A MAN WITH A
STRANGE NAME
AND A STRANGER
OFFER HOW D
YOU LIKE TO
EARN A
MILLION
DOLLARS
MEN?



HE SAYS IT'S A
JOB FOR MEN WHO
FEAR NEITHER
DEVIL NOR DEATH!

SOUNDS
LIKE IT'S RIGHT
UP OUR ALLEY
DOESN'T IT?



WHO CARES
ABOUT DETAILS?
LET'S TAKE THIS
GUY'S OFFER!
WHAT'S HIS
NAME?

I'LL BET
IT'S A
WORKER!

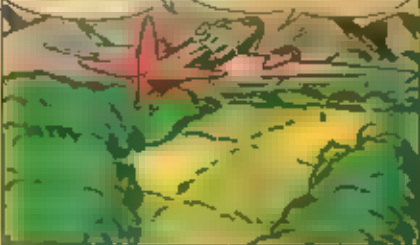


THIS
NAME IS
"MORELIAN"

THE FOLLOWING DAY OVER A REMOTE
WOODED AREA IN NORTHERN CANADA

I DIDN'T THINK
THERE'D BE AN
AIRSTRIPE IN THIS
WILDERNESS

I THINK I SEE
SOMEONE DOWN
THERE I SUPPOSE
IT'S THIS MORELIAN!



AND WATCHING
THE CIRCLING
PLANE IS THE
MYSTERIOUS SENDER OF THE CHALLENGING LETTER

WELCOME M.
RECKLESS
GUINEA PIGS



THE FOUR DAREDEVILS ARE STORTLED TO FIND THE USE VES THE GENTS OF SUCH AN AWESOME HOST

MORLIAN OFFERS HIS GUESTS THE USE OF HORSES SPRINGING THEIR MOUNTS. THEY RIDE OFF ON A ROAD THAT SEEMS TO LEAD THEM BACK INTO THE MIDDLE AGES!

ER - MISTER MORELIAN?

I SEE YOU GENTLEMEN ARE PREPARED FOR ACTION YOU SHALL HAVE MORE THAN YOUR SHARE I ASSURE YOU

MY CASTLE GENTLEMEN - I HAD T SHIPPED TO THIS CONTINENT FROM EUROPE, ONE BY ONE, AND REBUILT

THAT NIGHT AS MORELIAN AND HIS GUESTS ARE SEATED ABOUT HIS GREAT BANQUET TABLE

I'VE PROMISED YOU A MILLION DOLLARS IF YOU TAKE HIS TAIL I'LL GIVE YOU A MILLION MORE IF YOU SUCCEED

WE'LL TAKE OUR AGREED SHARE THE REST WILL GO TO WORTHY CHARITIES

NOW THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO FACE THE POWERS OF DARKNESS IN THE SHADOWS OF THIS GREAT HALL YOU CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF MY ANCESTORS WATCHING DARING IS TO TAMPER WITH THE FORCES CREATED BY THEM IN THE LEGENDARY PAST

THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE OLD MUMBO JUMBO ABOUT HEXES, POXES AND FLYING BROOMSTICKS

EXACTLY SIR WITCHCRAFT BLACK MAGIC SORCERY SOUL PRACTICE T MON

FEARED IT BUT NEVER LAUGHED AT IT

TRUE TO MY TRADITION AS A DESCENDANT OF THE GREAT MERLIN I PRACTICE SORCERY!



DO YOU LAUGH
AT SORCERY NOW
GENTLEMEN?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
GIMMICK YOU USED TO
GET US TO THIS PLACE
MURIELAN BUT WHAT
COMES NEXT?



THIS ANCIENT
BOX CONSTRUCTED
IN AN AGE LONG
FORGOTTEN FOR
REASONS OF MY
OWN I WANT IT
OPENED BY
YOU!

IT LOOKS LIKE
IT HAS FOUR
CHAMBERS
WHAT'S INSIDE
THEM?



WHO KNOWS,
GENTLEMEN? LIKE
PANDORA YOU
MUST OPEN THE
BOX THE RISK
IS YOURS



THIS IS LIKE
PLAYING RUSSIAN
ROULETTE WITH
A DEAD
ATOM BOMB

TAKE ANY PRECAUTIONS
YOU SEE IT AND IF
YOU COME OUT OF
THIS ALIVE YOU WILL
HAVE WITNESSED THINGS
NOT SEEN ON THIS
EARTH SINCE THE
DAWN OF MAN



STICK SHIFT RACERIFIC

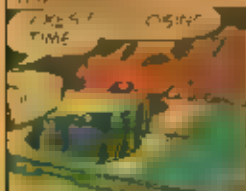
WITH THE TERROR TURN

THE TIMER IS SET. STEVE AND TIM ARE READY TO PUT THEIR 2-SPEED MOTORIFIC CARS THROUGH THE HAZARDS AHEAD.



WE'RE OFF TO A FAST START!

STEVE'S CAR HEADS FOR THE FIRST TURN. IT'S A SLOW TURN.



THE PIT STOP WILL FIX ME UP.



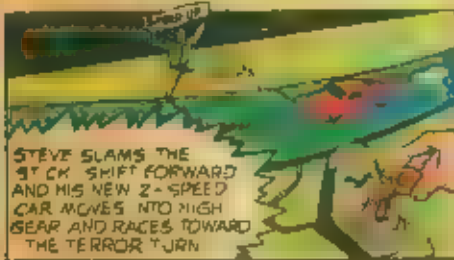
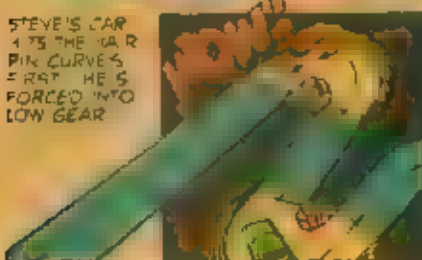
TOUGH LUCK! THAT PUTS ME IN THE LEAD.

STEVE'S CAR BANKS EASILY, KEEPS MAKING GOOD TIME.



I'VE PICKED UP 5 SECONDS.

STEVE'S CAR TAKES THE TURN FIRST. HE'S FORCED INTO LOW GEAR.

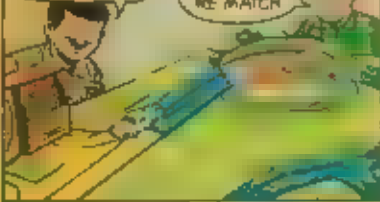


STEVE SLAMS THE STICK SHIFT FORWARD, AND HIS NEW 2-SPEED CAR MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR AND RACES TOWARD THE TERROR TURN.

BUT THE TERROR TURN IS TOUGH. SOMETIMES YOU MAKE IT, SOMETIMES YOU DON'T.



I MADE IT. I MADE IT. I WIN! I'M READY FOR A RE-MATCH.



TEST YOUR SKILL! YOU CONTROL THE ACTION ON THE NEW STICK SHIFT RACERIFIC WITH 2-SPEED CAR AND TERROR TURN!

MOTORIFIC

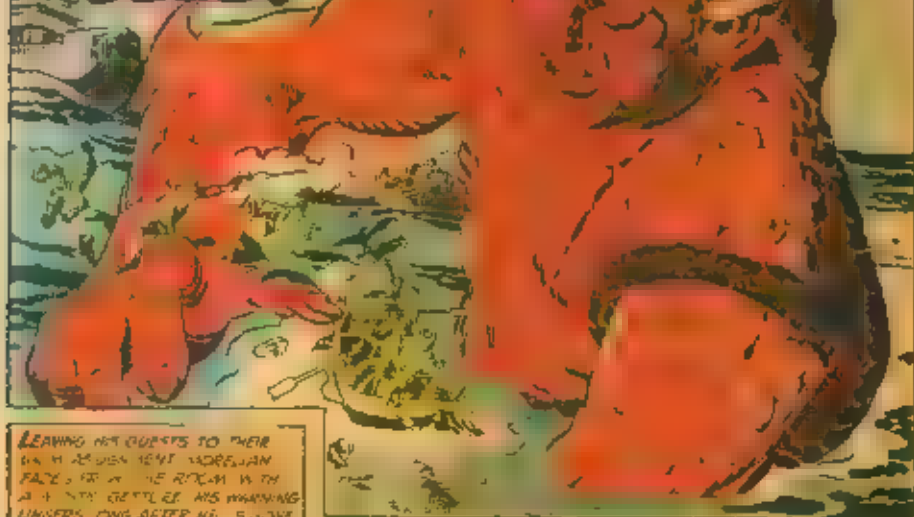
...IT'S TERRIFIC!

IT'S **DEA**

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TWO

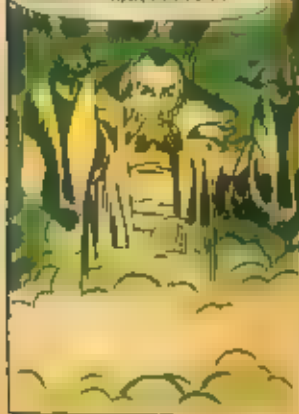
THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN
ARE DARING AND RESOURCEFUL MEN
BUT THEY ARE OUT TO THE SUPREME
TEST WHEN THEY OPEN THE FIRST
CHAMBER OF MURDER. FOR THERE
COULDN'T BE A BIGGER
PROBLEM THAN THE ONE THEY
FIND IN THE

"DRAGON SEED!"

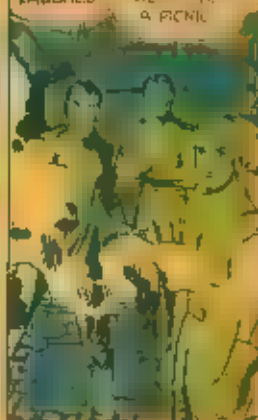


LEAVING HIS GUESTS TO THEIR
OWN DEVICES, MOREJAN
FACED THE ROOM WITH
A LITTLE GENTLE, HIS HANDS
LINGERING AFTER HE SAID:

I LEAVE YOU WITH MY
PANDORA'S BOX, GENTLEMEN.
YOU'LL BE STARTED BY ITS
SECRETS. HAHAHAHHA!



I DON'T
LIKE THE
WAY HE
LAUGHED.



WELL, HE GAVE
IT TO US
STRAIGHT THIS
MORNING AS
A GIFT.

NOW LET'S GO
TO THE ROOM OF
THESE
NAMELESS MEN
SOMEONE
UNEARTHLY
DEADLY.



WE MAY
RELEASE
SOME SORT OF
DANGER. THIS
JOB MUST BE
DONE IN AN
ISOLATED SPOT.

THAT'S A GOOD POINT ROCKY. WE CAN'T ENDANGER ANY OTHER LIVES BUT OUR OWN.

I SUGGEST WE TREAT THIS LIKE AN ATOM BOMB TEST. WE'LL CHOOSE AN ATOLL IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND THEN WE'LL LET ER RIP.



A DAY IS SPENT IN ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND A CHARTERED PLANE THEN THE FOUR DARE DEVILS TAKE OFF FOR THE DESIGNATED ATOLL...

I NEVER HEARD OF THIS ISLAND. LET ME SEE THAT MAP AGAIN, ACE.

THE ISLAND IS DUE NORTH OF THE BIKINI GROUP. I FLEW ACROSS IT DURING THE KOREAN FRAGAS.



IN THE BLUE WASTENESS OF THE PACIFIC, AKU ISLAND IS BUT A TINY DOT. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS BIG ENOUGH FOR ROCKY. WHEN THE GREAT PLANE DIPS FOR A LANDING OFF ITS SHORES.



LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET AT THAT BOX.

YOU WILL RECONFID. YOU PICK THE SHORT STRAW.

THESE FOUR STRAWS OF GRASS WILL DO. ONE OF THEM IS SHORTER THAN THE REST.

I'LL PICK IT. I FEEL LUCKY TODAY.

THEN YOU'LL LET YOU PICK LAST, ROCKY.

FIRST DRAWN'S MINE, ACE.



I DID IT! I GET FIRST CRACK AT THAT BOX.

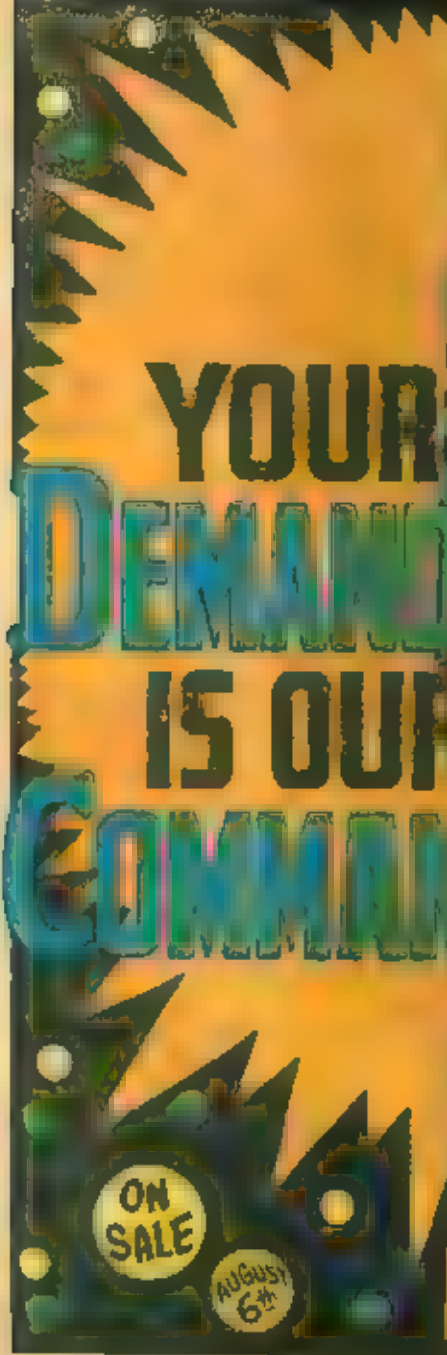
BEFORE YOU DO, ROCKY. WE'LL SET UP THE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IF ONE OF US USES UP HIS BORROWED TIME. THE OTHERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE OVER.



A CIRCULAR FENCE OF THICK STEEL PLATES IS HASTILY ERECTED AND IN THE CENTER OF THE ARENA THE BOX IS PLACED. ONLY THE SOUND OF THE SEA CAN BE HEARD AS ROCKY APPROACHES. WHAT COULD BE HIS DOOM?

WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING.





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ROCKY STUDIES THE CHAMBERS FOR A SHORT SECOND THEN HE MOVES QUICKLY "AT LINE AS HE PULLS OPEN THE DOOR HE'S CHOSEN

SHADES OF UNCLE
IEKE'S CHICKEN ROOST
IT'S AN EGG A
GIANT EGG.

THE CH. WEN THAT
AID THAT EGG MUST
BE BIGGER THAN
A BARN

I'LL WAGER THERE'S NO
CHICKEN INSIDE! WAIT!
HERE'S AN INSCRIPTION!
PROF. DO YOU KNOW
ANCIENT GREEK?

I'M NOT AN
EXPERT BUT I CAN
MAKE OUT WHAT
READS LIKE
DRAGON SEED

DO YOU
THINK THIS HAS
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH THE OLD
LEGEND OF CADWALL
YOU KNOW THE
JUT WICH HANTER
A REEL IF SEE
AND THEN A
LORD IS FIGHTING
MEN

LET'S NOT JUMP TO
CONCLUSIONS WE
NEED TO MAKE SURE
ABOUT WHAT
IT'S DOING WITH
THIS

SUPPOSE I WORK ON THIS
INSCRIPTION I THINK I
CAN FIGURE OUT THE
REST OF IT WITH A
LITTLE TIME!

TAKE THE REST OF
THE DAY WE'LL TACKLE
THIS THING IN THE
MORNING

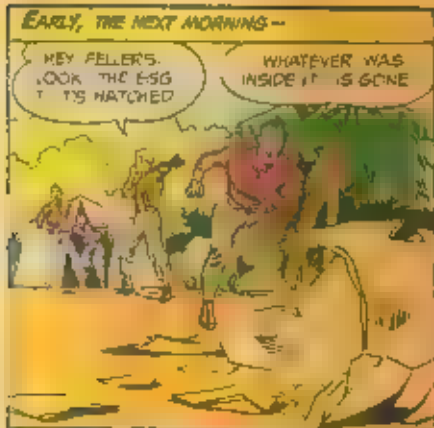
COME TO THINK
OF IT I'LL DO
USE SOME
NOW

THAT NIGHT THE LITTLE GROUP SLEEPS SOUNDLY-
UNAWARE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT NEARBY THERE
IS MOVEMENT INSIDE THE GREAT EGG LONG
DARKEN JACKS APPEAR ON ITS SURFACE

EARLY, THE NEXT MORNING--

HEY FELERS.
LOOK THE EGG
IT'S HATCHED

WHATEVER WAS
INSIDE IT IS GONE



PROF DID YOU SEE? BURN OF POSSIDON
THAT INSURPT LINE SHAPED BY MARS
QUICK WHAT THE Y OF THE MIGHTY
OFFED AND LAUGHED THE
EARTH WITH THE DRAGON SEED



THAT DOESN'T SOUND
GOOD I WONDER WHAT
WE'RE UP AGAINST?

HERE'S A CLUE THESE
FEARLESSLYS THEY
MAY HAVE BEEN
MADE DURING THE NIGHT



THEY'RE FOOT PRINTS
GIANT FOOT PRINTS
LOOK AT THE SIZE
OF THEM

DON'T FEET WITH
THREE TOES

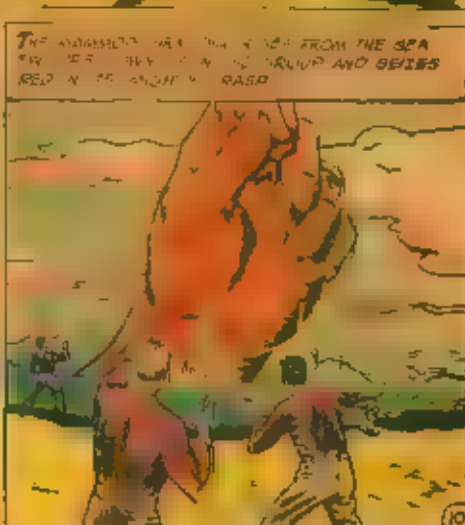


RED! LOOK
OUT!

...REAT DAY IN
HE MORNING



THE ADAMANT WAS THE FIRST FROM THE SEA
THE FIRST OF THE GROUP AND SERIES
RED IN THE NIGHT'S RASH





TUMBLING JUMP OR
LOOK AT THAT
THING

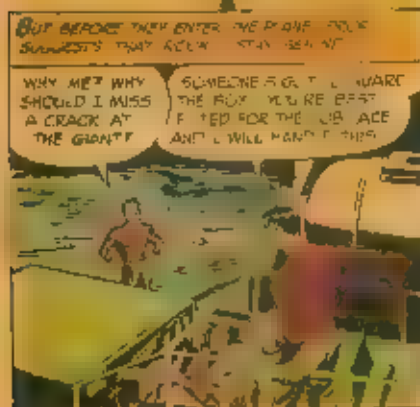
THE MACHINE
GUN WILL BE USE-LESS
ROCKY GET THE
SALOONKA

ALTHOUGH THE SALOONKA SHELLS PENETRATE THE
TARGET THEY ARE INEFFECTIVE THE GIANT WITH RED
STAYS IN HIS SHIP AND WALKS OUT TO SEA



GOOD GRAY!
HE'S TAKING OFF
WITH RED AND
WE CAN'T
STOP HIM

WE'VE GOT
TO GO
MEN TO
THE PLANE!



BUT BEFORE THEY ENTER THE PLANE FOLK
SOMEONE'S TRYING TO STOP THEM

WHY ME? WHY
SHOULD I MISS
A CRACK AT
THE GIANT?

SOMEONE'S GOT TO GUARD
THE BOY YOU'RE FIRST
FED FOR THE JOB ACE
AND I WILL HANDLE THIS



MEANWHILE DEEP IN THE PACIFIC SWIPPING LANES

SHIPPER DO
YOU SEE
WHAT I DO?

ABANDON SHIP! WE
WON'T HAVE A CHANCE
ONCE THAT THING
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